

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, and 16-21 remain pending in the present application. This Supplemental Amendment is being submitted in response to the Examiner's Interview on August 18, 2003. The combination of the Request for Reconsideration dated June 20, 2003 and the present Supplemental Amendment are responsive to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003.

The claims were amended to clarify features that distinguish over the prior art. The claims were also amended to remove the use of means-plus-function elements.

Examiner's Interview

The Examiner's Interview conducted on August 18, 2003 was much appreciated. As stated in the interview summary, two limitations in independent claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 were discussed. Clarification of the operation start signal to be "of the communication protocol" further distinguishes over the prior art reference to **Braitberg** (USP 5,479,479). In addition, the additional feature for "setting information indicating the communication protocol corresponding to the identified type of the portable telephone set" further distinguishes over **Braitberg**. According to a brief telephone conference with the Examiner on August 28, 2003, the Examiner acknowledged that these amendments appear to be consistent with the Examiner's understanding of the distinctions of the present invention over **Braitberg**. The Examiner's assistance in moving the present application forward is much appreciated.

With regard to the "RF data" discussed in the Office Action, the Examiner appeared to agree during the interview that the handling of the RF data has nothing to do with identifying the "type"

of portable telephone communication. Basically, handling RF data occurs only *after* the phone has been attached and identified by the car kit controller 200 in **Braitberg**. The RF data handling has nothing to do with the identification of the "type" of phone (see, also, the explanatory remarks in the Request for Reconsideration dated June 20, 2003, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety).

In view of the present Supplemental Amendment, as well as the remarks in the Request for Reconsideration dated June 20, 2003, and further in view of the Examiner's Interview, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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